Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Dec 2020 at 16:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for Saturday. High confidence for cold and occasionally showery weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 26 Dec 2020: Very windy with heavy rain and summit blizzards. Driest in the northeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	40%	80%	80%	>95%	>95%	70%

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Weather: Extensive cloud across all ranges through the day. Persistent heavy rain, and blizzards above 900 metres, are expected across most ranges throughout the day. Caithness may see some drier conditions in the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance, low cloud down to 600 metres expected to be extensive throughout the day.

Visibility: Good in the morning in the east, otherwise rather poor in rain and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	44/52 SW	43/52 SW	46/57 SW	55/67 SW	61/75 SW	56/70 SW	41/53 SW	32/42 SW	35/45 W
900	41/49 SW	40/50 SW	44/54 SW	52/65 SW	58/72 SW	53/66 SW	38/50 SW	30/40 SW	34/44 W
600	27/34 SW	29/39 SW	31/41 SW	37/50 SW	42/56 SW	37/51 SW	26/38 SW	21/31 SW	24/34 W
300	6/35 SW	9/37 SW	10/41 SW	12/48 SW	13/55 SW	13/50 SW	10/39 SW	7/29 SW	11/35 W
Glen	9/23 SW	15/31 SW	17/35 SW	23/45 SW	27/52 SW	24/48 SW	19/37 SW	12/25 SW	17/32 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-1/-11	-1/-10	-1/-11	-0/-11	-1/-11	-1/-11	-2/-11	-5/-15
900	-1/-10	-0/-9	0/-9	0/-10	1/-9	0/-10	-1/-9	-2/-10	-4/-14
600	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	3/-5	2/-6	2/-5	1/-6	-2/-9
300	4/1	3/0	4/1	4/0	5/1	4/0	3/-0	2/-0	0/-4
Glen	6/3	6/2	7/3	6/2	7/2	7/2	6/1	5/1	3/-2
Freezing Level*	800m	900m	900m	900m	1000m	900m	800m	600m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very hazardous winter conditions developing across most higher summits. Gusts to 80 mph possible over the higher tops.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Weather: Some sunshine and occasional snow showers. Much less windy than on Saturday. Ice surfaces expected at lower elevations following Saturday's rain.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds gusting to around 25 mph on the higher tops at first

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%. Cloud lowering to 600 metres as showers pass by but some breaks in the cloud expected through the day.

Visibility: Generally very good with good air clarity. Poor in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to plus 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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